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April 26, 2019

Daniel P. Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

—Via Electronic Filing—

RE: NOTIFICATION OF ACQUISITION AFFECTING OWNERSHIP OF THE LARGE  
WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM SITE PERMIT FOR THE 200 BW  
BLAZING STAR 2 WIND ENERGY PROJECT

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF THE LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION  
SYSTEM SITE PERMIT ISSUED FOR THE 200 MW BLAZING STAR 2 WIND  
ENERGY PROJECT  
DOCKET NO. IP-6985/WS-17-700

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A ROUTE PERMIT FOR BLAZING STAR WIND  
FARM 2 115-KILOVOLT HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE  
DOCKET NO. IP-6985/TL-17-701

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Pursuant to Minn. Rules 7850.5000 and 7854.1400, the November 6, 2018, Order in Docket IP-6985/WS-17-700, and the March 20, 2019, Order in Docket IP-6686/TL-17-701 issued by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSPM or the Company), provides this Notice of Acquisition of Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC (Blazing Star 2), Request to Transfer the Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit issued for the 200 MW Blazing Star 2 wind energy project (Site Permit), and Request to Transfer the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC Route Permit for 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project (Route Permit).

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 16, 2017, Blazing Star 2 filed a Site Permit application for an LWECs pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 1, with the Commission in Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-700.

On April 11, 2018, Blazing Star 2 filed an application for a route permit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850 to construct an approximately 7.5 mile-long 115 kilovolt transmission line and associated facilities for the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 in Lincoln County, Minnesota, with the Commission in Docket No. IP-6985/TL-17-701.

On November 6, 2018, the Commission entered the Order issuing the Site Permit.

On March 20, 2019, the Commission entered the Order approving Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issued the Route Permit.

## **NOTICE OF ACQUISITION**

The Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm will be built on approximately 57,800 acres on agricultural land in Diamond Lake, Drammen, Ash Lake, Shaokatan, Royal, Hendricks, and Marble Townships, in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Pursuant to Section 14.0 of the Site Permit, Blazing Star 2, as Permittee, is required to notify the Commission of a change in the owner(s) of the majority financial or governance interests in the Permittee.

On March 20, 2019, NSPM purchased Blazing Star 2 and will be responsible for compliance with the Site Permit and reporting conditions therein, as well as managing the ongoing development and construction activities.

The Company requests the following persons be placed on the Commission's official service list for this docket:

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With this filing, NSP and Blazing Star provide notice to the Commission that on March 20, 2019 the companies closed on the sale of the Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm, and as such, NSP has assumed ownership of Blazing Star development assets.

## **REQUEST TO TRANSFER SITE PERMIT AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7854.1400 and Section 14.0 of the Site Permit, Blazing Star 2, as Permittee for the LWECs under the Site Permit, requests approval to transfer the Site Permit to NSPM. Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7850.5000 and Section 11.0 of the Route Permit, Blazing Star 2, as Permittee under the Route Permit, requests approval to transfer the Route Permit to NSPM. In support of both requests, Blazing Star 2, provides the following information:

- *Name of the existing permittee (for both the Site Permit and Route Permit):* Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC.
- *Name and description of the person to whom the permits are to be transferred:* Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, which is a public utility operating subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., a registered public utility holding company.
- *Reasons for the transfer:* On March 20, 2019, NSPM and Blazing Star 2 closed on the sale of the Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm LWECs. In connection with that transaction, NSPM and Blazing Star 2 are seeking to transfer the Site Permit and Route Permit to NSPM.
- *Description of the facilities affected:* All facilities described in Sections 2.0-2.2 of the Site Permit and Sections 2.0-2.4 of the Route Permit.
- *Requested date of the transfer:* May 14, 2019

As supported by the Affidavit of Christopher B. Clark submitted herewith, NSPM, as Transferee for the LWECs, the Site Permit, and Route Permit, states that it can and will comply with the conditions of the Site Permit and Route Permit.

Blazing Star 2 and NSPM state that they will provide notice of this request to those persons identified by the Commission as persons interested in the matter.

Please contact Pamela Gibbs at [pamela.k.gibbs@xcelenergy.com](mailto:pamela.k.gibbs@xcelenergy.com) or 612-330-2889 or Bria Shea at [bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com](mailto:bria.e.shea@xcelenergy.com) or 612-330-6064 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Date: April 26, 2019  
Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC  
Northern States Power Company

cc: Service Lists

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF  
THE LARGE WIND ENERGY  
CONVERSION SYSTEM SITE  
PERMIT AND ROUTE PERMIT ISSUED  
FOR THE 200 MW BLAZING STAR 2 WIND  
ENERGY PROJECT AND 115-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER B. CLARK**

Christopher B. Clark, under oath, states:

1. I am employed by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSP or the Company), which is a public utility operating subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., a registered public utility holding company. My business address is 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. My title is President – Northern States Power Company – Minnesota.

2. I have more than 20 years of experience in the public utility industry and have worked extensively in connection with the Company's purchases and construction of wind energy generation facilities. The Company's engineering and construction team has extensive experience in the field of engineering and construction of electric power infrastructure.

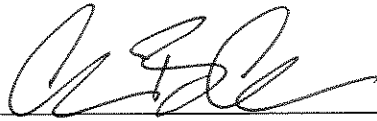
3. I am submitting this Affidavit in support of the Company's request for the transfer of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit Issued for the 200 MW Blazing Star 2 Wind Energy Project (Site Permit), which was originally granted by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-700 to Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC; and for the transfer of the 115-Kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit (Route Permit), which was originally granted by the Commission in Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-701.

4. I have reviewed all of the terms and conditions of the Site Permit and Route Permit.

5. The Company agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions of the Site Permit and Route Permit and stands ready, willing and able to perform the obligations stated therein.

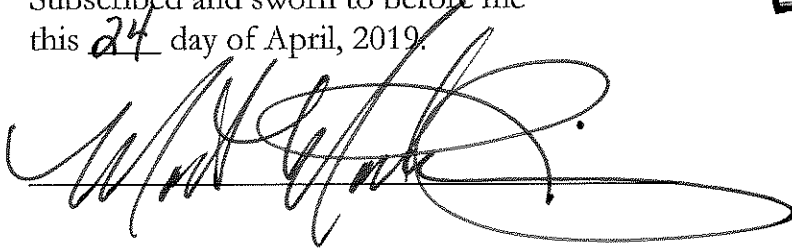
6. I have authority to bind the Company in the commitments made in this Affidavit.

Dated this 24 date of April, 2019.

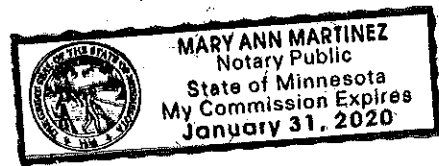


Christopher B. Clark  
President – NSPM

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 24 day of April, 2019.



Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: January 31, 2020



## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jim Erickson, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

xx electronic filing

**Docket No. IP-6985/WS-17-700**  
**IP-6985/TL-17-701**

Dated this 26th day of April 2019

/s/

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